

REMARKS

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the allowance of Claims 18 to 27 and 29 to 31.

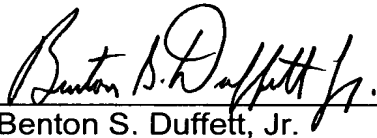
In effort to expedite prosecution Claims 33 to 38, 40 and 41 are being canceled without prejudice. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the subject matter of these claims in a timely filed Continuation Application.

The issuance of a formal Notice of Allowance is in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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